

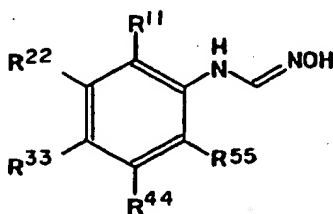
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1.-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A hydroxyformamidine compound represented by the formula:



wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group substituted with 1 to 6 halogen atoms; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a 3-phenyl-2-propenyloxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-10</sub> alkanoylamino group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoylamino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzoylamino group; a carbamoyl group; a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or phenyl groups; an N-(N',N'-di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)carbamoyl group; a cyano group; a cyano C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl group; a phenylsulfonyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phenylsulfonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group wherein the benzene ring is substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a phenyl group; a benzyl group; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the

group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a biphenyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a benzyl group substituted with a bicyclo(2.2.1)-hept-5-en-2,3-dicarboxyimidyl group; a styryl group; a styryl group substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups and di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino alkyl groups; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyrimidinyl group; a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a phthalimidoyl group; a phthalimidoyl group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; an N-carbazolyl group; a dioxopiperidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a phenylsulfonylamino group; a phenylsulfonylamino group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylaminosulfonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a thiadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group substituted with a substituted phenyl group wherein the substituents in the substituted phenyl group are 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrazolyl group; a pyrazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and trifluoromethyl groups; a furyl group; a furyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl groups; a thienopyrimidinylthio group; a thienopyrimidinylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a thienopyridylthio group; a thienopyridylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a benzothiazolylthio group; a benzothiazolylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; a group represented by the formula: -Y-(CR<sup>61</sup>R<sup>62</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-

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(CR<sup>63</sup>R<sup>64</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>77</sup> (wherein Y represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; R<sup>61</sup>, R<sup>62</sup>, R<sup>63</sup>, and R<sup>64</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group; R<sup>77</sup> represents a halogen atom; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group; a C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl group; ~~a phenyl group~~; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro groups, cyano groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio groups, phenyl groups, phenoxy groups, phenethyl groups, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl groups, and halogen atoms; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyloxy group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyloxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phenoxy group; a phenylthio group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)toluidino group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a piperidino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a morpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a morpholinyl group; a morpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a homomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholino group; a thiomorpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a piperazinyl group; a piperazin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group at the 4-position; a homopiperidinyl group; a homopiperidinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridylthio group; a quinolyl group; a furyl group; an oxetanyl group; an oxolanyl group; a dioxolanyl group; a dioxolanyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an oxanyl group; a dioxanyl group; a dioxanyl group

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substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzodioxanyl group; a pyrrolidon-1-yl group; a pyrrolidinyl group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)pyrrolidinyl group; a piperidinyl group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)piperidinyl group; a pyrrolyl group; a thienyl group; a thiazolyl group; a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a 2,6-purindion-7-yl group substituted with at least one C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a furfuryl group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; or a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; m is an integer of 1 to 6; and n is an integer of 0 to 6); or a group represented by the formula: -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup> (wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyl group, an isoxazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiadiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiazolyl group, a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyridyl group, a pyridyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, a pyridazinyl group, a pyridazinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, an indazolyl group, or a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, or alternatively, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a 3,5- dioxopiperazin-1-yl group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidino group, or a morpholino group), or alternatively,

the two groups adjacent to each other of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup>, taken together with the benzene ring to which they are bonded, form a phthalimide ring; a phthalimide ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an indole ring; an indane ring; an indazole ring; a benzotriazole ring; an S,S-dioxobenzothiophene ring; a 2,3-dihydroimidazo(2,1-b)benzothiazole ring; a dibenzofuran ring;

a dibenzofuran ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a fluorene ring; a fluorene ring substituted with a halogen atom; a pyrene ring; a carbostyryl ring; a carbostyryl ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a naphthalene ring; a naphthalene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, nitro groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene ring; a quinoline ring; a quinoline ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an isoquinoline ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a cinnolin ring; a cinnolin ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phthalazindione ring; a benzothiazol ring; a benzothiazol ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzodioxorane ring; and a benzobutyrolactone ring, and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

6. (previously presented): The hydroxyformamidine compound or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkoxy group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group substituted with 1 to 6 halogen atoms; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a 3-phenyl-2-propenyloxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-10</sub> alkanoylamino group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoylamino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzoylamino group; a carbamoyl group; a

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carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or phenyl groups; an N-(N',N'-di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)carbamoyl group; a cyano group; a cyano C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl group; a phenylsulfonyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phenylsulfonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group wherein the benzene ring is substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a phenyl group; a benzyl group; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a biphenyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a benzyl group substituted with a bicyclo(2.2.1)-hept-5-en-2,3-dicarboxyimidyl group; a styryl group; a styryl group substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups and di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino alkyl groups; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyrimidinyl group; a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a phthalimidoyl group; a phthalimidoyl group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; an N-carbazolyl group; a dioxopiperidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a phenylsulfonylamino group; a phenylsulfonylamino group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylaminosulfonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a thiadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group substituted with a substituted phenyl group wherein the substituents in the substituted phenyl group are 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrazolyl group; a pyrazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and trifluoromethyl groups; a furyl group; a furyl group substituted with

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1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl groups; a thienopyrimidinylthio group; a thienopyrimidinylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a thienopyridylthio group; a thienopyridylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a benzothiazolylthio group; a benzothiazolylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; or a group represented by the formula: -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup> (wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyl group, an isoxazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiadiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiazolyl group, a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyridyl group, a pyridyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, a pyridazinyl group, a pyridazinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, an indazolyl group, or a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, or alternatively, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a 3,5-dioxopiperadino group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidino group, or a morpholino group), or alternatively,

the two groups adjacent to each other of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup>, taken together with the benzene ring to which they are bonded, form a phthalimide ring; a phthalimide ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an indole ring; an indane ring; an indazole ring; a benzotriazole ring; an S,S-dioxobenzothiophene ring; a 2,3-dihydroimidazo(2,1-b)benzothiazole ring; a dibenzofuran ring; a dibenzofuran ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a fluorene ring; a fluorene ring

substituted with a halogen atom; a pyrene ring; a carbostyryl ring; a carbostyryl ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a naphthalene ring; a naphthalene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, nitro groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene ring; a quinoline ring; a quinoline ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an isoquinoline ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a cinnolin ring; a cinnolin ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phthalazindione ring; a benzothiazol ring; a benzothiazol ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzodioxorane ring; and a benzobutyrolactone ring, and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom.

7. (previously presented): The hydroxyformamidine compound or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group substituted with 1 to 6 halogen atoms; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a 3-phenyl-2-propenyloxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; a C<sub>2-10</sub> alkanoylamino group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoylamino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a carbamoyl group; a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or phenyl groups; an N-(N',N'-di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)carbamoyl group; a cyano group; a cyano C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl group; a



phenylsulfonyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phenyl group; a benzyl group; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a biphenyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group; an  $\alpha$ -cyanobenzyl group substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a pyrrolidino group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyrimidinyl group; a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrazolyl group; a pyrazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and trifluoromethyl groups; a furyl group; a furyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, and C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl groups; or a group represented by the formula: -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup> (wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyl group, an isoxazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiadiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a thiazolyl group, a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyridyl group, a pyridyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, a pyridazinyl group, a pyridazinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, an indazolyl group, or a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, or alternatively, taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a 3,5-dioxopiperazin-1-yl group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidino group, or a morpholino group) and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or

different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom.

8. **(currently amended):** The hydroxyformamidine compound or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a group represented by the formula: -Y-(CR<sup>61</sup>R<sup>62</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-(CR<sup>63</sup>R<sup>64</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>77</sup> (wherein Y represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; R<sup>61</sup>, R<sup>62</sup>, R<sup>63</sup>, and R<sup>64</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group; R<sup>77</sup> represents a halogen atom; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl group; a C<sub>2-10</sub> alkenyl group; ~~a phenyl group~~; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro groups, cyano groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio groups, phenyl groups, phenoxy groups, phenethyl groups, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl groups, and halogen atoms; a cyano group; a carboxyl group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl group; a C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyloxy group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkanoyloxy C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a phenoxy group; a phenylthio group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)toluidino group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a piperidino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a morpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a morpholinyl group; a morpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a homomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholino group; a thiomorpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub>

alkyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a piperazinyl piperidinyl group; a piperazin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group at the 4-position; a homopiperidinyl group; a homopiperidinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridylthio group; a quinolyl group; a furyl group; an oxetanyl group; an oxolanyl group; an dioxolanyl group; a dioxolanyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; an oxanyl group; a dioxanyl group; a dioxanyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzodioxanyl group; a pyrrolidon-1-yl group; a pyrrolidinyl group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)pyrrolidinyl group; a piperidinyl group; an N-(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)piperidinyl group; a pyrrolyl group; a thienyl group; a thiazolyl group; a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a 2,6-purindion-7-yl group substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group(s); a furfuryl group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino group; a C<sub>2-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group; or a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; m is an integer of 1 to 6; and n is an integer of 0 to 6), and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom.

9. (previously presented): The hydroxyformamidine compound or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to Claim 8, wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a group represented by the formula: -O-(CR<sup>61</sup>R<sup>62</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-(CR<sup>63</sup>R<sup>64</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>77</sup> (wherein R<sup>61</sup>, R<sup>62</sup>, R<sup>63</sup>, and R<sup>64</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group; R<sup>77</sup> represents a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a piperidyl group; a piperidyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl

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group; a piperidino group; a piperidino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a pyridylthio group; a pyrrolidon-1-yl group; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrrolidinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a pyrrolyl group; a thienyl group; a thiazolyl group; a morpholino group; a morpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a morpholinyl group; a morpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a homomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholino group; a thiomorpholino group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a piperazinyl group; piperazin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group at the 4-position; a homopiperidinyl group; or a homopiperidinyl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; m is an integer of 1 to 6; and n is an integer of 0 to 6), and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom.

10. (previously presented): The hydroxyformamidine compound or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 7 to 9, wherein R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>22</sup>, R<sup>44</sup>, and R<sup>55</sup> represent hydrogen atoms.

11. (canceled).

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12. (previously presented): A therapeutic method for treatment of a cerebrovascular disease, said method comprising administering to a patient having a cerebrovascular disease, an effective amount of the hydroxyformamidine compound or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 5 to 9.

13. (canceled).

14. (previously presented): A therapeutic method for treatment of a cerebrovascular disease, said method comprising administering to a patient having a cerebrovascular disease, an effective amount of the hydroxyformamidine compound or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof according to claim 10.

15. (original): The hydroxyformamidine compound N-(3-chloro-4-morpholin-4-yl)phenyl-N'-hydroxyimidoformamidine.

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented): A method for treatment of a cerebrovascular disease, said method comprising administering to a subject having said disease, wherein said disease is caused by the activity of 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid, a pharmaceutically-effective amount of N-(3-

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chloro-4-morpholin-4-yl)phenyl-N'-hydroxyimidoformamidine or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.